

**Town of Groton  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
October 1, 2013 Grand List  
September 10, 2014 Session Minutes**

The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the Groton Town Hall. Members in attendance were chairman Charles Stevens and alternate Paul Duarte seated for James Mitchell. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mr. Stevens. The board will sit for appeals on the October 1, 2013 Grand List and the October 1, 2012 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Grand List.

Property Owner: Mark & Phyllis Kirchberg

Motor Vehicle: 2000 Ford Focus

Board Decision 9/10/14: The owner noted high mileage on the motor vehicle supported by a Walmart oil change statement. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,870 and was seconded by Duarte. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#114622                      Orig. Assmt: \$2,100                      Adj. Assmt: \$1,870

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Anthony Ingram

Motor Vehicle: 2010 Mercury Milan

Board Decision 9/10/14: The owner noted high mileage on the vehicle. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$7,700 due to high mileage. The motion was seconded by Duarte and passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#113197                      Orig. Assmt: \$10,030                      Adj. Assmt: \$7,700

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Yvonne McClellan

Motor Vehicle: 1993 Toyota Camry

Board Decision 9/10/14: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$700 based on examination of the car given its body condition, high mileage and very rough interior. The motion was seconded by Duarte and passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#117482                      Orig. Assmt: \$3,890                      Adj. Assmt: \$700

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Gloria & Donald Snyder

Motor Vehicle: 1991 Honda Accord LX

Board Decision 9/10/14: Since the vehicle last year met the requirements of section 14-1 (3), Chapter 246 Motor Vehicles, Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500. The owner has filed the affidavit for the program and the affidavit is now on file with the assessor's office. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#125508                      Orig. Assmt: \$3,170                      Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: William Moritz

Motor Vehicle: 1993 Jaguar XJ6 SOV

Board Decision 9/10/14: Since the vehicle last year met the requirements of section 14-1 (3), Chapter 246 Motor Vehicles, Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500. The owner has filed the affidavit for the program and the affidavit is now on file with the assessor's office. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#118764

Orig. Assmt: \$5,220

Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Karin & Robert Adams

Motor Vehicle: 2006 Chev Silverado

Board Decision 9/10/14: The NADA value was \$9,075, value placed on the vehicle per DMV was \$8,370 a difference of \$705. After a detailed review of the NADA guide it appears that the value of the Silverado has already been reduced from the book value for the V6 engine. The BAA in previous decisions may have incorrectly made a deduction for something which was already included as priced by DMV. Therefore a deduction for the V6 engine is not appropriate. Mrs. Adams provided a list of other upgrades which the vehicle did not have for a total of \$2,400 of full value. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$4,170 and was seconded by Duarte. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#100196

Orig. Assmt: \$5,860

Adj. Assmt: \$4,170

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Darla or Mark Veilleux

Motor Vehicle: 1992 Toyota Camry

Board Decision 9/10/14: Since the vehicle last year met the requirements of section 14-1 (3), Chapter 246 Motor Vehicles, Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500. The owner has filed the affidavit for the program and the affidavit is now on file with the assessor's office. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#128161

Orig. Assmt: \$3,340

Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Laura Hurd

Motor Vehicle: 2003 Dodge Caravan

Board Decision 9/10/14: An inspection of the vehicle indicates that there is extensive body rot on the sides, rear and hood area and also body damage. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$700. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#113013

Orig. Assmt: \$3,260

Adj. Assmt: \$700

Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner: Sushil Kumar

Motor Vehicle: 1993 Toyt Celica

Board Decision 9/10/14: Since the vehicle last year met the requirements of section 14-1 (3), Chapter 246 Motor Vehicles, Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500. The owner has filed the affidavit for the program and the affidavit is now on file

with the assessor's office. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#115036                      Orig. Assmt: \$3,660                      Adj. Assmt: \$500  
Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner:              George Phillips

Motor Vehicle:              1987 Chevy Celebrity

Board Decision 9/10/14: The board inspected the vehicle. Since the vehicle is still operating and registered the board feels that a fixed assessment of \$500 is appropriate. Stevens made a motion for no change and was seconded by Duarte. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#121331                      Orig. Assmt: \$500                      Adj. Assmt: \$500  
Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Recess at 5:20 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

Property Owner:              Robert Wilson

Motor Vehicle:              1994 Toyota Half Ton

Board Decision 9/10/14: The board inspected the vehicle. Stevens made a motion to accept the appellant's estimate of value of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct# 129816                      Orig. Assmt: \$2,870                      Adj. Assmt: \$700  
Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner:              Demetrio Saguiped

Motor Vehicle:              1965 Ford Mustang

Board Decision 9/10/14: The vehicle has never been restored, does not have the original engine, it is generally less than fair condition and needs a complete restoration to significantly improve its value. Stevens made a motion to accept the owner estimate of value of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#123731                      Orig. Assmt: \$13,020                      Adj. Assmt: \$2,100  
Mailed Date: 9/11/14

Property Owner:              John Menezes

Motor Vehicle:              1993 Saab 900

Board Decision 9/10/14: Based on the taxpayers presentation and an inspection of the vehicle the maximum fair market value would be somewhere between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Stevens made a motion to reduce the value to \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2013 Acct#117930                      Orig. Assmt: \$4,390                      Adj. Assmt: \$1,050  
Mailed Date: 9/11/14

A motion for adjournment was made by Stevens at 7:08 p.m., the motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

These minutes were reviewed and accepted on September 13, 2014. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Duarte, seconded by Stevens and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Fauna Eller  
Asst. Assessor  
Clerk to board